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TOPIC	Altenburg Airfield		
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1. Formation flights with transports were made over Altenburg (M 51/K 27) airfield at 5:30 p.m. on 13 July 1950. Containers suspended from twenty parachutes were again dropped over the field.

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2. [REDACTED]
at 3:30 p.m. on 26 July 1950. It was en route from the field in the direction of Gera (M 51/K 06). The fuel trucks, which were loaded, drove at a speed of about 30 km/h. *

3. Twenty-one twin-engine transports took off in elements of two at 4:30 p.m. on 26 July 1950. They rendezvoused within about 40 minutes and headed west, flying at an altitude of 600 meters. Twelve transports with blue squadron markings remained at the field.

4. Twelve transports were standing on the northeastern edge of the field on 30 July 1950. The other planes had not returned prior to that date. The runway was extended to a length of 1,600 meters and the taxiway leading to the northern edge of the runway was completed. ** Grading work was in progress on both sides of the extended strip of the runway. No more than 300 men were quartered in the billets. Night flights with jet fighters, which did not come from the Altenburg airfield, were repeatedly observed in the Altenburg area.

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5. The airfield had a teletype circuit to Koethen (M 52/D 95). On 4 August 1950 the Altenburg amplifier station was ordered by the SCC in Weimar (M 51/J 57) to switch this line over to Erfurt-Bindersleben (M 51/J 26). ***

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Comment. This is the first information that the construction of the runway was completed. The reported length of the runway is possible.

*** Comment. The airfield was formerly occupied by one air transport regiment equipped with about 35 LI-2s. From paragraph 3 of this report it appears

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that two squadrons of the regiment were possibly transferred on 26 July 1950. According to a previous report, the two squadrons were probably equipped with planes which were marked by red and yellow stripes on their rudder assemblies. See [REDACTED]. The present location of the two squadrons is not known. From the information in paragraph 5 of this report it is believed that the regiment was transferred to Erfurt-Bindersleben. The Erfurt Bindersleben airfield had been used the preceding year by the air transport regiment, which trained with army units. From the information that about 300 of the previous 500 Soviet Air Force personnel remained at the field it is inferred that the regiment is transferred temporarily. The information that the air transport regiment was employed in dropping parachutists and containers suspended from parachutes was previously received. See (Air)

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